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SUBJECT:DENT-SOAMES PHONE CONVERSATION

1. SOAMES PHONED THIS MORNING REGARDING MY CONVERSATION WITH GUNDELACH CONCERNING AN EARLY 1977 TNC MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE WAS GENERALLY IN ACCORD, BUT SUGGESTED THAT EARLY MARCH WAS APPROPRIATE TIMING. HE ALSO FELT THAT A SEPTEMBER APPROACH TO DG LONG WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS WITH SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. I STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AN APPROACH TO DG LONG ASAP AND CERTAINLY BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAY TO AID IN AVOIDING A FALL TNC WHICH WOULD BE CONFIRMATION OF MTN LULL UNDER CURRENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND POSSIBLY UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS AGREED AT JANUARY CONSULTATION THAT SIX MONTHS NOTICE IS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL TNC. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD GO THROUGH HIS DUE PROCESSES THERE AND CALL BACK THE RESULTS.

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3. PLEASE SUGGEST A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE TO HIM. LET'S
CONTACT DG LONG ASAP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOLDING A
MINISTERIAL LEVEL TNC DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH AND
THAT DG LONG ANNOUNCE THIS EARLY IN SEPTEMBER AS A WAY OF
BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR THE FALL MEETINGS AND PERMITTING THE

APPROPRIATE PLANNING TO MOVE FORWARD.

4. GUNDELACH APPARENTLY OBTAINED FAVORABLE REACTION TO
SUGGESTION IN JAPAN. STR WILL DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON SHORTLY. KISSINGER

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